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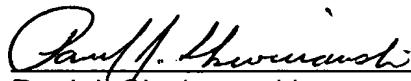
In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicant hereby submits the attached information for consideration by the Office under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 in the present application, and for printing on the face of any patent issuing hereon, as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

This is a continuation of Application No. 10/163,572 filed 7 June 2002, now allowed. The information listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 was previously cited by or submitted to the Office in the prior application. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d), no copies of the listed references are required. Further, in accordance with MPEP §609A(3), no separate concise explanation of relevance is required for the information that is not in the English language because the

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